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31. (added) The system of claim 20 wherein the at least one alarm is a variable alarm that varies according to the distance between the parent unit and the at least one child unit.

32. (added) A system for selectively detecting the presence of a plurality of objects in proximity to a person comprising:
a plurality of child units each having a first communicating device for sending a locator signal and for receiving a control signal;
a parent unit having a second communicating device for receiving the locator signal from at least one of the plurality of child units, a processor for monitoring the at least one child unit and for determining whether the at least one child unit is within a preselected range, the processor of the parent unit programmed to selectively de-activate at least one of the child units, the selective de-activation includes deactivating the locator signal of the first communication device of the at least one the child units, and controls for selectively controlling the child units to be monitored.

REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter and have amended the claims to include subject matter that the Examiner has deemed allowable in order to expedite issuance of the present application. Currently, claims 1-6, 8 and 11-32 are pending in the present application. Claims 7, 9 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice.

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The intent of the applicants was not to surrender any of the subject matter contained in the canceled claims. On the contrary, the subject matter of these claims has been preserved. Specifically, claim 7 was canceled since its subject matter was included by amendment to claim 1. Furthermore, the subject matter of claims 9 and 10 was combined within the content of claim 8. New claims 20-32 have been added. The applicants respectfully submit, however, that no new subject matter has been added as all amendments to the claims find support in the specification and drawings.

Minor Errors in Specification and Drawings

The Examiner noted various errors in the specification and drawings. The specification has been amended to correct these errors. In addition, a separate letter to the Official Draftsman has been submitted herewith to make the appropriate amendments to the drawings as indicated above.

Objections under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(a)

The Examiner noted that claims 2, 3 and 7 failed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter therein since they each lacked antecedent basis for "the processor of the parent unit." The applicant has amended claim 1 from which claims 2, 3 and 7 depend. Accordingly, these claims should be allowable over this objection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claim 18 under Section 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification. Accordingly, the Applicants have amended the specification to reflect the subject matter contained in claim 18 as originally filed. Specifically, page 15, line 12 of the specification has been amended to include, "Selective de-activation may include deactivating the locator signal 34 of the first communicating device 30. In such a situation, the controls 58 of the parent unit 26 are set to de-activate the locator signal 34 of the first communicating device 30." Support for this amendment is found in the language of claim 18 as filed as well as the teachings contained on pages 13 through 15 of the specification as filed. Accordingly, claim 18 as amended in conjunction with the amendments made to the specification should be in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

The Examiner rejected all of the claims as filed except for claims 7 and 12. More specifically, the Examiner indicated that claims 7 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7 and further amended to place the claim in condition for allowance in light of the addition of the subject matter of claim 7. In addition, claim 20 has been added which includes the allowable subject matter of claim 12 as well as limitations of claim 1 as filed. Accordingly, the Applicants

submit that claims 1 and 20 are in condition for allowance over the prior art of record. In addition, claims depending therefrom should also be allowable as depending from allowable independent claims.

With respect to new claim 32, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claim contains allowable subject matter consistent with the subject matter deemed to be allowable with respect to claims 7 and 12. Claim 32 includes subject matter from claim 18 as amended and claim 1 as filed. More specifically, claim 32 includes the element of "the processor of the parent unit programmed to selectively de-activate at least one of the child units, the selective de-activation includes deactivating the locator signal of the first communication device of the at least one the child units." The Applicants respectfully submit that such deactivation of the locator signal is neither thought nor suggested by the prior art of record alone or in combination and is therefore allowable. In addition, this limitation of claim 32 is consistent with the subject matter that the Examiner has already deemed to be allowable and therefore should also be allowable over the prior art of record.


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CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing response set forth above, the applicants believe the application is in order for allowance. Should the Examiner determine that additional adverse action is necessary on the application, it is respectfully requested that he contact Frank W. Compagni at (801) 685-2302 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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Respectfully submitted,

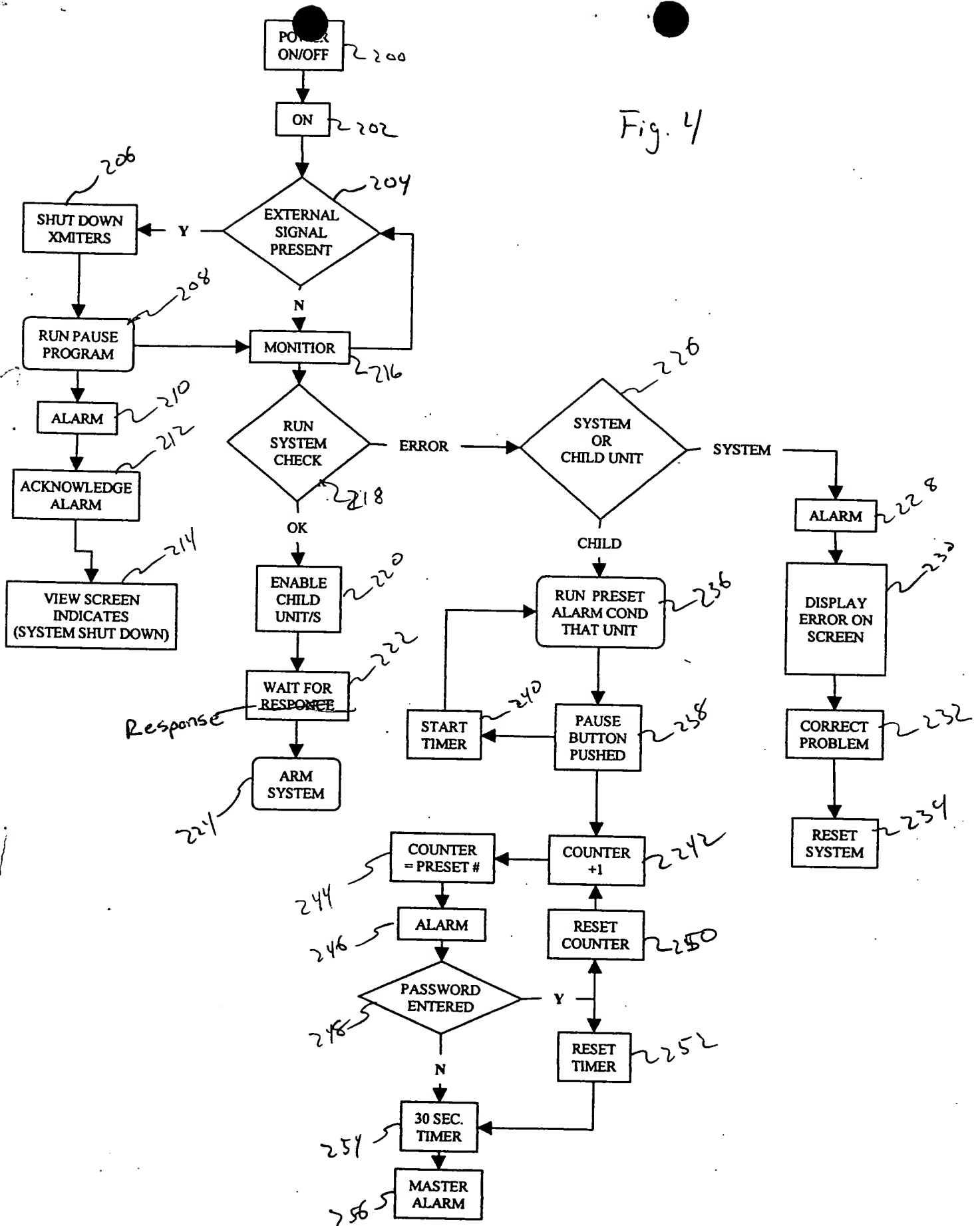


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